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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, applicants submit the following references which applicants believe may be material to the above-identified patent application. A copy of the references which applicants wish to make of record in this case is enclosed herein for the Examiner's convenience along with a listing on Form PTO-1449 attached.

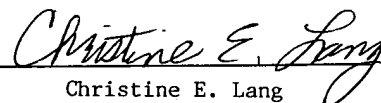
1. U.S. Patent 5,729,746, issued March 17, 1998 to Leonard;
2. U.S. Patent 5,671,415, issued September 23, 1997 to Hossain; and

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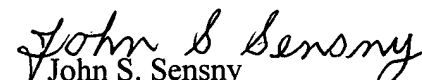
3. U.S. Patent No. 5,321,610, issued June 14, 1994 to Breslin.

Submitted with Japanese Patent No. JP 1-147627 is an English language abstract.

All other references listed on Form PTO-1449 are in the English language, thus, a concise explanation of those references required by 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3) is not necessary.

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